nad village, and if such fact comes to the knowledge of the Government, then this subsidy will be given to him.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—After receiving this question, did the Government ascertain whether any private practitioner would be willing to go and settle down at Elanad?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Patticad is a malarial tract. There was already one private practitioner, and when the Government came to know of it, they opened an aided dispensary there.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—Patticad is far far away from Elanad.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I make a reference to Patticad simply as an illustration. There was one private practitioner there, and when the Government came to know of it, they opened an aided dispensary there.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—Supposing any private practitioner is coming forward and informs the Government that he would settle down at Elanad, would the Government give him this subsidy?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—There should be in the first instance a private practitioner settled there.

President.—That is a hypothetical question.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—Therefore, we are not to expect anything in the near future.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The answer is given there. 'Not likely'.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—Yes, the answer is 'not likely'.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—No, no. Unless a medical man comes forward with the request for the subsidy, we may not open any private dispensary there.

Issue of reminders to Heads of Departments.

138. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the name of the Department to which the largest number of reminders were sent by Government in 1103 and the Department which comes next; the Department to which the least number of reminders were sent and the number of reminders sent to each of the above three in 1103?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The collection of the information required would involve considerable time and labour and the Government consider that no useful purpose will be served thereby.

Delay in Disposals.

139. **Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the time usually allowed to Heads of Departments for replying to communications sent by the Huzur before sending reminders;

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(b) the number of ordinary and special reminders sent to Heads of Departments from the Huzur since the appointment of Mr. U. Kandar Menon as Secretary to the Diwan ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Ordinarily 15 days.

(b) Vide answer to question No. 138.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—The answer to part (b) of my question is 'vide answer to question No. 138'. The answer given to that question is this :—" The collection of the information required would involve considerable time and labour and the Government consider that no useful purpose will be served thereby". Of course, if a search in the Huzur is contemplated, certainly it is a laborious task. May I know whether what is called as a current register is not maintained in each of the offices ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is one in each of the offices.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Would not a query to each of the Heads of Departments be sufficient to get the information readily ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No. Because reminders are sent from the Huzur not only in the prescribed forms, but also as D. Os. and Official Memorandums. Well, these things will not be classified in the current register as reminders, in all the respective offices. The whole number of files of every Department shall have to be gone through to get at the correct numbers. That will be laborious task. In some cases 10,000 or 15,000 files will have to be gone through. In the case of Huzur nearly 20,000 files will have to be gone into to get at the correct number for one year.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—As regards reminders proper, you oan get that information from the current registers.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—D. Os., Official Memorandums, Government orders, all these come under the category of reminders.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—I do not ask for D. Os., O. Ms., etc. It may be the official language, but not the technical language.

President.—In the literal sense, reminders are divided into ordinary reminders, special reminders, etc.

Transfer of P. W. D. roads to the Panchayat Department.

140. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the names of all P. W. D. roads transferred to the Panchayat Department and the date of transfer in each case ; how much money was actually spent for maintenance every year on each of these roads for 3 years before

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